



City of Freeport SPECIAL MEETING

5:45 p.m./Council Chambers/Freeport City Hall a
February 23, 2016 Minutes

I. Meeting Opened

The February 23, 2017 Special Council Meeting was called to order at 5:45 PM by Mayor Russ Barley. The meeting was held in City Council Chambers of Freeport City Hall.

Council members present: Mayor Russ Barley, Councilwoman Janice McLean, Councilwoman Kasey Cuchens, Councilwoman Elizabeth Brannon, and Councilwoman Jennifer Laird.

Council members absent: Councilman Eddie Farris

Staff members Present: City Clerk Becky Podraza, City Attorney Clay Adkinson, Parks Director Dana Weiler, City Planner Latilda Hughes-Neel, and Finance Officer Sara Bowers.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance continued from the 5:00 pm Special Meeting

III. FLDEP Recreation Trails Program Grant

Councilwoman Cuchens advised the Council that one of the grant requirements is to hold a Special Meeting for the sole purpose of FLDEP Recreation Trails Program Grant. Councilwoman Cuchens updated the Council on the Recreation Board Meeting that had been held in regards to the grant and that it went very well.

There is a 20% match on the grant with a lot of in-kind opportunities. Parks Director Weiler budgeted 40,000.00 for grant matching in Parks & Recreation for the 2016/2017 budget.

Council Action: Councilwoman Cuchens made a motion to use \$10,000.00 from the Parks & Recreation Budget that was set aside for grants to be applied towards the 20% match for the FLDEP Recreation Trails Program Grant. Councilwoman McLean seconded the motion. All ayes; motion carried.

Councilwoman Cuchens advised the Council that there is an indicator that there could be more wetlands than was previously indicated. City Engineer Knauer has offered their biologist to come and look at the property before the application deadline Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

Parks Director Weiler advised the Council that the property is 18.87 acres located on the South side of Hammock Trail East across from the Sports Complex.

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IV. Adjournment

Mayor Russ Barley adjourned the meeting at 6:50 pm.

FREEPORT CITY COUNCIL

Mayor

Council President

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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